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FATAH REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ISSUES STATEMENT

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[Statement issued on 11 February 1982 by Fatah Revolutionary Council]

[Text] The Fatah Revolutionary Council held its 4th ordinary session on Wednesday, 10 February 1982. The council discussed the current political situation which is characterized by the intensive U.S.-Zionist moves inside and outside the occupied territories, particularly in Lebanon where the United States is making intensive efforts to put the Haig project into effect. At the same time, Zionist military concentrations are increasing in northern Palestine and the Zionist leaders are increasing the number of statements in which they threaten all-out aggression against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples. The council considered Arab moves to tackle the southern Lebanese situation through the Strategic Action Committee formed by the Arab League and various other moves on the international level. In view of the importance of these moves and their direct bearing on the Palestinian revolution, the Lebanese National Movement and Lebanese National forces and the Arab nation's central cause, the Palestinian cause, the revolutionary council called for confronting the challenges resulting from the U.S.-Zionist moves inside and outside the occupied territories on the Palestinian, Arab and international levels.

First, the revolutionary council rated highly the great mass resistance shown by our masses inside the occupied territories. Our masses are firmly confronting all Zionist and agent attempts to shake its national unity in order to make the conspiratorial Zionist plans, including the autonomy plan, succeed. The council also praised the courageous popular support for the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people and the leader of their national struggle. The council called for diligent work through the PLO, to bolster the steadfastness of our people in the occupied homeland and promote their national struggle on a firm and strong basis of comprehensive national unity of our Palestinian people inside and outside the occupied homeland and of complete commitment to the PLO political programs. The Fatah Revolutionary Council stressed the importance of deepening and strengthening national unity among the various factions in the Palestinian revolution within the framework of the PLO because unity within this framework is the main guarantee for the revolution's steadfastness and for the promotion of its determination and its ability to take creative initiatives on all levels of national struggle.

Second, the revolutionary council stressed that the Lebanese arena, through the great solidarity of struggle of the Lebanese and the Palestinian peoples, is the main bastion of Arab steadfastness in the face of U.S. and Zionist attempts to subjugate the entire Arab nation, confiscate its national and pan-Arab rights and impose surrender on it. The revolutionary council, therefore, reiterated the importance of deepening and strengthening the strategic revolutionary cohesion among the Palestinian revolution, the Lebanese National Movement and the Lebanese nationalist forces to face imperialist, Zionist and agent plots and threats to the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples.

The revolutionary council called for strengthening the relations among all the nationalist groups in Lebanon and for supporting the higher coordination committee as a main (?body) through which joint relations and efforts might be organized and promoted to face the hostile forces and their continued plots against the Lebanese nationalist forces.

Third, the revolutionary council stressed the importance of the Steadfastness and Confrontation Front in facing the Camp David plot and called for promoting this front's role of struggle, which must include all the front's partners.

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'ARAFAT, HAWATIMAH WARN OF IMPENDING ATTACK

JN211635 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in English 1500 GMT 21 Feb 82

[Text] PLO Chairman'Arafat today spoke at the rally being held in the Beirut Arab University on the occasion of 13th anniversary of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine [DFLP]. Also attending the rally, which was addressed by the front's Secretary General Nayif Hawatimah, were members of the Lebanese National Movement; Rif'at Sa'd, deputy secretary general of the Egyptian National Progressive Unionist Groupings; a representative from Democratic Yemen and members of the Palestinian resistance movement.

Speaking to a packed hall, PLO Chairman 'Arafat stressed Lebanese-Palestinian solidarity. He underlined the cohesion and joint destiny of the Palestinian resistance with the Lebanese National Movement, which, he said, would stand in the face of coming Isreali aggression in south Lebanon.

'Arafat praised the brave resistance of the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and of the Syrian Arab people of the occupied Golan Heights.

In his address to the rally, the Democratic Front Secretary General Nayif Hawatimah warned that the United States, Israel and their allies are preparing to launch an attack against the national liberation movmenent in the area. He noted that when the Camp David front sees that its political attack has failed, it will launch an invasion of southern Lebanon and attack Beirut itself. The Israeli aggression could also be directed against the Arab Deterrent Forces and even extend into Syrian territory. Hawatimah called for the holding of the sixth Confrontation and Steadfastness Summit in order that a unified and aggressive, rather than passive, Arab position be taken to face the Israeli amd imperialist enemy. He added that the Confrontation and Steadfastness Front should ensure the implementation of an economic and political boycott against the United States which will include an oil boycott.

The Democratic Front leader stressed the necessity for Palestinian solidarity with the Lebanese National Movement and Syria and, referring to the recent disturbances in Hamah, asserted that these part of the imperialist attack against Syria. He finally called for democratic reforms in the Arab countries in order to better meet the challenges from outside.

The Lebanese National Movement was represented at the rally by Secretary General Muhsin Ibrahim, who pledged to Lebanese solidarity with the Palestinian cause. He noted that the United States' decision to attack the Confrontation and Steadfastness Front was exemplified recently by what has been happening in Syria. The only way to be able to meet the attacks of imperialism, added Ibrahim, was by being prepared to clash with it totally.

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JN211843 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic 1630 GMT 21 Feb 82

[Speech by PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat -- identified as Abu 'Ammar -- at a rally held in the Beirut Arab University on 21 February 1982 on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine -- recorded]

[Excerpts] Brothers: On this day, while celebrating the anniversary of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine [DFLP] [applause] -- the anniversary of comrades in the one trench -- I tell my brother and companion Nayif Hawatimah [applause], my brothers and companions in the DFLP Political Bureau [applause], my brothers and companions of the gun in the DFLP, that we are together and side by side in the march toward the liberation of Palestine, all of Palestine. [applause]

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